

2011 Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach Award Recipients

for Program Director Excellence



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Nominators had this to say:

“The emotional and physical well-being of trainees in the Department of Pediatrics has always been a high priority for Dr. Bugnitz. He has personally counseled or found professional help for individuals with a variety of problems that have come to light during residency or fellowship. His committed mentorship and open-door policy for residents, chief residents and fellows is particularly time-consuming and deeply appreciated. This is above and beyond the call of duty and is sincerely respected by all his colleagues in the department.”

“His national leadership was further recognized when the Society of Critical Care Medicine elected him to membership of the Resident Education in PICU Committee, where Dr. Bugnitz has served since 1994. His public service activities have included first member and then Chair of the Shelby County Child Fatality Review Committee, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for East Memphis YMCA, the Dixie Boys Club Board of Directors, the Memphis Area Special Olympics Board of Directors, and Faculty Representative at the Careers in Medicine Day. In doing so, Dr. Bugnitz inspires residents and fellows to expand their horizons and take on leadership roles as respected members of their own communities. “